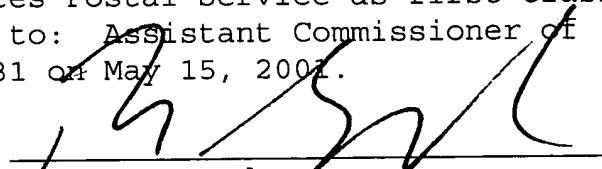


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FOR : Method for Detecting Microorganisms in Products

SUBMISSION OF "SEQUENCE LISTING," COMPUTER READABLE COPY,
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AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patent
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office mailed April 30, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed. We also enclose a Preliminary Amendment.

IDENTIFICATION OF DECLARANT

2. I, Bruce S. Londa, state the following:

ITEMS BEING SUBMITTED

3. Submitted herewith is/are

- a) "Sequence Listing(s)" for the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) in this application. Each "Sequence Listing" is assigned a separate identifier as required in 37 CFR 1.821(c) and 37 CFR 1.822 and 1.823.
- b) An amendment to the description and/or claims, wherein reference is made to the sequence by use of the assigned identifier, as required in 37 CFR 1.821(d).
- c) A copy of each "Sequence Listing" submitted for this application in computer readable form, in accordance with the requirements of 37 1.821(e) and 1.824.
- d) A statement that the content of each "Sequence Listing" submitted and each computer readable copy are the same, as required in 37 CFR 1.821(g).
- e) Because this submission is made in fulfilling the requirement under 37 CFR 1.821(g), a statement that the submission includes no new matter.

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4. I hereby state that each computer readable form submitted in this application, including those forms requested to be transferred from applicant's other application, is the same as the "Sequence Listing" to which it is indicated to relate. All papers accompanying this submission, or for which a request for transfer from applicant's other application, introduce no new matter.

STATUS

6. Applicant is a small entity.

AMENDMENT

7. In the specification, please add the "Sequence Listing" set forth on the attached sheets.

FEE DEFICIENCY

8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to make this response timely, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-2216.

Respectfully Submitted,

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